

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

Olivet College has 296 students. In the freshman class of forty-six members there are twenty-four young women.

The College for Working-women in London is thoroughly successful. It aims to provide for women who are occupied during the day a higher education than is ordinarily within their reach. Cookery is taught therein as well as the intellectual branches.

Practical medical examination of the eyes of school children is a habit which is becoming established in this country and abroad. An extraordinary number of children are found to have eye-troubles. These examinations are heartily recommended, for in countless cases the beginning of disease may thus be perceived and eradicated.

At the recent meeting of the council of the College of Physical Science at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, it was agreed without a dissentient voice, to admit a lady who had been successful in the examination to hold an exhibition in the College. This young lady was Miss Isobel M. A. Reid, who won the mathematical prize for junior candidates in the last Cambridge local examinations.

Oriental education is growing broader every year. At the last matriculation examination of Madras University, 3,309 candidates presented themselves and 1,934 passed. Two-thirds of this number came from non-government schools, and it is said that the schools managed by native gentlemen are largely increasing. The majority of the candidates who passed the B. A. examination were Brahmins.

Illinois has a school population of 1,010,851, an enrollment of 701,041, and 11,359 school districts, supporting 11,954 schools. The State has, moreover, 651 private schools, instructing 60,149 pupils. There are only 4,045 illiterates in Illinois. During the last school year the public-school expenditures of the state amounted to \$7,551,911.79. The average amount paid monthly to the male teachers was \$45.24; to the female teachers, \$35.28.

The German educational code provides for a child who can only afford school five hours a day for the eight years between six and fourteen a distinct course of instruction. This includes religious and moral teaching, the speaking, reading and writing of the mother-tongue, arithmetic and the elements of geometry, the history of the country, geography, natural history, natural science, singing, drawing and gymnastics. Those pupils who can give more time and more hours a day to study go to a different school and pursue a different course of instruction.

The half-trained young women who teach for pluney in the public schools may perhaps be interested in reading *The London Spectator's* summary of the business of a skilled schoolmaster: "To know what devices knowledge may be most effectively presented to the mind of a beginner; to know how to appeal to the judgment and to the memory, how to put wise questions, how to arrange and correlate different studies, and what are their respective values as instruments of mental development; how to test the results of work, what is the right mode of discipline, and how rewards and punishments can be most judiciously used."

The students of the St. Petersburg University are privately circulating an address embodying a petition already submitted to the rector for presentation to the Minister of Public Instruction. It demands, firstly, the establishment of a special student corporation, with the right of making representations to the authorities by delegates; secondly, the right of holding periodical meetings; thirdly, the right of association for objects to be submitted to the authorities; fourthly, the institution of a court of honor, with the object of expelling offenders from the university; fifthly, the right of participating in the election of the Presidents of the Faculty Council; sixthly, if demands that no student shall be subject to summary treatment by the police or depository without the previous cognizance of the rector, or without having been expelled from the university.

A special committee of the Boston School Board has presented a majority report showing that the tendency of modern civilization is toward the restriction or abolition of corporal punishment, and that those teachers who most frequently resort to it are the inexperienced or the incompetent. Their report is followed by an order prohibiting corporal punishment upon any pupil in primary or high schools and on girls in the grammar schools. When it is inflicted on grammar school boys it must be only by the principal, and that at a session subsequent to the one at which the offence was committed. Reports of every case are to be sent every month to the Secretary of the School Committee, and must be open to inspection by the members of the committee. This order will probably be adopted by the Board. The sooner the better, for the record of corporal punishment for the school year of 1879-80 is a disgrace to the city of Boston. The number of corporal punishments inflicted in the male grammar schools was 84½ per cent of the whole number of boys, and in one school it rose to 241 per cent, and there were 199 cases in a single month. Superintendent Eliot in his last semi-annual report says: "Teachers of both sexes are continually violent with their pupils in various forms and such frequency that the facts it would cause impatience. Some put the children into painful and even dangerous positions; some shake them at times with such roughness as to tear their clothing wide apart, and others, especially boys, are often beaten so severely that they have been known to faint away." The Rev. C. H. Ulrich, principal.

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CHARLIER INSTITUTE, Central Park, New York, will open for young ladies of seven to twenty. Twenty-sixty girls begin September 29, 1880. For prospectus address Prof. ELIE CHARLIER, Director.

CLASS OF MR. NEWEIL, 115 East 26th-st., reference to parent school, Sept. 1.

DR. A. CALLISEN'S day school for boys, 131 West 12th-st., opens Monday, September 1st.

D. S. EVERSON'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, Concourse Ave., Bronx, New York, opens Saturday, September 22, 1880.

HOME INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES, Fifty-first Avenue, New York, will open for courses of study December 1, 1880. Miss W. M. McNAUL, Principal.

HOMECOOL FOR YOUNG GIRLS, Number of hearts limited to six. The vacancies, addressed Miss M. G. LEWIS, New York, Sept. 15.

JAY HALL BRIDGEPORT, N.J., will open for girls, 100 Broad-st., Sept. 1.

Mrs. J. A. DE CAMP, principal and successor to M. C. KNOWLTON, Fitch.

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